

# **THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm  
Saturday at 9 am & 5 pm (Vigil)  
Sunday at 9 am & 11 am

## **CONFESSIONS**

Monday to Friday at 11.30 am  
Saturday at 4.30 pm

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Thursday 10 am to 4 pm  
Susan Lee, Parish Secretary

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**(Baptism, First Communion,  
Confirmation, RCIA)**

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## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Please call 647.428.2880

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

GK Jude Aloysius 416.569.5833

## **LEGION OF MARY**

Letty Denovan 416.755.9569

## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Alice Warford

## **OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH**

Rev Fr Charles Collins, Pastor 416.264.6544  
Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)



**Monday December 3**

*St. Francis Xavier, Priest*

12:05 pm In honour of St. Francis Xavier  
*requested by Jane Rocha*

**Tuesday December 4**

*St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

12:05 pm In honour of St. Anthony for graces received  
*requested by Angela*

**Wednesday December 5**

12:05 pm † Denise Marie Connors  
*requested by her father, Jim Connors*

**Thursday December 6**

*St. Nicholas, Bishop*

12:05 pm In thanksgiving  
*requested by Lida Quial*

**Friday December 7**

*St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

12:05 pm † Patricia McCormick  
*requested by Fatima Cabral*

**Saturday December 8**

*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:00 am In honour of the Immaculate Conception  
*requested by Jane Rocha*

5 pm † Florence Ducharme

*requested by Charles & Lorraine Rozario*

**Sunday December 9**

*Second Sunday of Advent*

9 am † Teodulo Hipolito  
*requested by the Llarenas family*

11 am † Thomas Banks

*requested by Alice & Brian Warford*

**DAY OF CONFESSIONS**

Advent is the time for us to prepare in humility, contrition and penance for the commemoration of the first coming of our Savior on earth at Christmas. The sacrament of confession is our opportunity to clean the house of our souls so that we will be spotless and ready to receive Him – **the best present of all.**

**Our parish Day of Confession will be held on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to noon.**



**CHRISTMAS SEASON PARISH CALENDAR**

**Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas concert at 7 pm  
With parish children's choir, senior choir and guests  
Tickets \$20, proceeds to help repair the stained-glass windows

**Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

5 pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9 & 11 am Mass

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Christmas Eve*

12.05 pm No Weekday Mass

5 pm Christmas Family Mass with Children's Pageant

9.30 pm Christmas Mass at Night

**Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Christmas Day*

10 am Christmas Mass

*(Please note that only one Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Day)*

**December 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>**

12.05 pm Weekday Mass

**Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Holy Family*

9 am Weekday Mass

5pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

9 & 11 am Mass

**Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

*Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

12.05 pm No Mass

5 pm Vigil Mass

**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

10 am Mass

*(Please note that this solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics, and only one Mass will be celebrated on New Year's Day)*

**music at the 11 am Mass**

**Opening:** #492 - O Come, O Come Emmanuel

**Offertory:** #515 - Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

**Communion:** #1041 - Now in This Banquet

**Closing:** #500 - O Come Divine Messiah



The Jesus who is born in time and history is also the Christ who will come in glory to judge all.

The season of Advent begins with a call to perseverance and vigilance as we prepare to celebrate not just the historical event of the birth Jesus of Nazareth, but our central belief that Christ will come again in glory to judge all humanity. Our readings are chosen to help us reflect on this great truth and be prepared for the coming of Christ

## CARDINAL COLLINS ON THE PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

### PART THREE

*be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil*

We should not make “the devil made me do it” an excuse for our sins; Satan tempts, but does not compel. God has granted free will to each of us, and constantly guides and sustains us in the exercise of our free will not only directly, but also indirectly through His saints, like St Michael. But we are vulnerable to the snares of temptation. Each of us should reflect on the account in Genesis 3 of the tempting of Adam and Eve. That biblical passage reveals a common pattern of human folly and pride. It is a mirror in which, if we are honest, we can see ourselves. An inflated ego can



lead anyone astray, we can so easily succumb to the snares of temptation.

Christian tradition identifies three basic sources of temptation: the world, the flesh, and the devil. The world, the environment in which we live, which is scarcely conducive to a life of virtue, can ensnare us in temptation. Temptations can also come from within, from the flesh, and it is helpful to examine our consciences daily using the categories of the seven deadly sins, which are really facets of the temptations of the flesh:

pride, anger, envy, greed, laziness, lust, and gluttony. And, finally, we can be tempted by the devil, the fallen angel of temptation. Read Matthew 4: 1-11 for the description of the temptation of Jesus in the desert. Recognition of the Satanic dimension of evil is part of our faith, and anyone who has even for a moment observed or experienced the resilient reality of evil in this world will not ignore it. We should not over-emphasize or dramatize this fact of reality, or unhealthily dwell upon it, but we ignore it at our peril.

We can so easily be naïve, and fail to recognize the cosmic context of the earthly struggle against evil. St Paul corrects that when he writes “Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.” (Ephesians 6:11-12) Along with the world and the flesh, which we can comprehend more easily, the devil is a powerful source of temptation to evil, and those who have beheld or have experienced the sheer diabolic wickedness of some of the evil in this world will not fail to acknowledge that. So we work diligently to eradicate evil, and hold accountable those who engage in it, and most importantly we offer the alternative of sacrificial love, in the imitation of Christ. But we also engage in fasting, and in prayer, and especially the Prayer of St Michael. (To be continued)

## PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

For those who missed the chance to hear the Parish Choir sing at our last benefit concert, here is your second chance. On **Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm**

we will be having a Christmas Benefit Concert. All proceeds going directly to help in repairing the stained glass windows. I think you will agree the ones already repaired look amazing! Don't miss the chance to attend what promises to be an enchanting evening.

**Tickets are on sale after all weekend Masses, and also, at the Parish Office.** Hope to see many of you there!



## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2018

This year, the Family Mass for Christmas Eve (**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm**) will include a children's pageant enacting the story of the birth of Jesus. All children of the parish (5 years and older) are invited to take part, and their families are asked to help with creating costumes. Please speak to any of the Children's Liturgy teachers or phone the parish office for more information.



## Stained Glass Preservation



The first stage of work to restore the stained-glass windows of our church has been completed. This includes two complete windows and four lower panels, and not only do they look wonderful, but they are protected from damage and deterioration by the new framing and protective glass.

The next stage will take place next spring as weather and donations permit. We have been very fortunate to have a stained-glass craftsman come out of retirement to undertake this project for us, and it is important for us to move forward on this as much as we can. There are very few craftsmen left who can undertake such work.

Many thanks go to all those who have contributed so generously to this project. The total cost for each window is approximately \$7,000, and we can only proceed to the extent that donations allow. In other words, we have to gather funds before more work can be done, and we have a total of 12 large windows and 4 smaller ones that need to be done.



There are special envelopes available at the entrance of the church, and some people have chosen to make small donations on a frequent basis. Some individuals and groups have chosen to sponsor an entire window, and dedicate the restoration as a memorial to a loved one. to the memory of a loved. Special plaques will acknowledge major donations.

Please help to preserve the heritage of our parish.

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